

Cord

Blood

Banking

Dear Colleagues:

Senator Harris, Representative Ritter, Senator Debicella, Representative Giegler and I invite you to join doctors, legislators and medical professionals, from across the state and country for a press conference and educational forum to discuss the important subject of and growing interest in umbilical cord blood banking, on Monday, February 1, 2010. The forum is designed as a collaborative effort to educate the legislature and the public on the developing science of cord blood banking and use of cord blood stem cells to save or dramatically improve hundreds of lives a year. It is also an opportunity to identify the need for cord blood banking in State of Connecticut and how best to address those needs.

Press Conference: **Monday, February 1st, 2010**
11:00 a.m. – Room 2D

Educational Forum: **Monday, February 1st, 2010**
11:30 a.m.
Legislative Office Building
Room 2 D

Agenda Items:

- WHAT ARE CORD BLOOD STEM CELLS AND HOW CAN THEY HELP SAVE LIVES?
- HOW WOULD SOMEONE IN CT DONATE CORD BLOOD TODAY?
- WHAT HAS CONNECTICUT DONE TO SUPPORT CORD BLOOD BANKING?
- WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
- OPEN DISCUSSION – PANEL
- QUESTIONS FROM LEGISLATORS

If you would like more information, please contact Chris Fletcher at 240-8863.

Sincerely,



Len Fasano

State Senator, 34th District

Cord blood is a rich source of lifesaving stem cells for your family.

What is Cord Blood?

Cord blood is the blood that remains in your baby's umbilical cord after the cord has been cut. Doctors have discovered that cord blood, like bone marrow, is a rich source of unique stem cells that can be used in medical treatments. Stem cells are the body's "master" cells and can become any type of cell in the human body. The first use of stem cells in medicine was to regenerate healthy blood and immune cells in cancer patients.

What is Cord Blood Banking?

Cord blood banking is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for parents to collect and preserve the stem cells from their baby's umbilical cord blood for potential medical uses.

By saving your baby's stem cells with CBR, your child and family can have access to better medical treatment options or cures for cancers, as well as potential treatments for conditions such as brain injury and juvenile diabetes. If you choose not to bank your baby's cord blood, it is discarded after birth.

Diseases Treatable by Hematopoietic Cell Transplant

An estimated 45,000 to 50,000 hematopoietic cell transplants (bone marrow, PBSC, or cord blood transplants — BMT) are performed annually worldwide to treat patients with life-threatening malignant and non-malignant diseases.

Below is a list of diseases for which autologous or allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplant may be a treatment. Leukemias and lymphomas, including:

- Acute myelogenous leukemia
- Acute lymphoblastic leukemia
- Chronic myelogenous leukemia
- Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
- Juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia
- Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Multiple myeloma and other plasma cell disorders

Severe aplastic anemia and other marrow failure states, including:

- Severe aplastic anemia
- Fanconi anemia
- Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH)
- Pure red cell aplasia
- Amegakaryocytosis / congenital thrombocytopenia

SCID and other inherited immune system disorders, including:

- Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID, all sub-types)
- Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome

Hemoglobinopathies, including:

- Beta thalassemia major
- Sickle cell disease

Hurler's syndrome and other inherited metabolic disorders, including:

- Hurler's syndrome (MPS-IH)
- Adrenoleukodystrophy
- Metachromatic leukodystrophy

Myelodysplastic and myeloproliferative disorders, including:

- Refractory anemia (all types)
- Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia
- Agnogenic myeloid metaplasia (myelofibrosis)

Familial erythrophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis and other histiocytic disorders

Other malignancies

Courtesy of the National Marrow Donor Program web site.



State Senator Len Fasano

Senate Minority Leader Pro Tempore, District 34

State Senator Len Fasano represents the 34th Senatorial District communities of East Haven, North Haven and Wallingford and serves as the Senate Minority Leader Pro Tempore.

He has served in the State Senate since January 8, 2003 and previously served as a Senate Deputy Minority Leader. In addition to his current leadership position, Senator Fasano serves as Ranking Member on the General Assembly's Planning and Development Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee, Legislative Management Committee and also serves on the Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee.

Senator Fasano was born in New Haven on May 15, 1958, the son of Dr. And Mrs. Leonard Fasano, and has remained a resident of the Southern Connecticut area ever since. He attended Yale University, where he excelled both in and out of the classroom. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1981, and played running back for the football team under legendary coach Carmen Cozza. Senator Fasano went on to earn a Juris Doctorate from Quinnipiac Law School in 1984 and graduated from Boston University Law School a year later with an L.L.M. Degree in Taxation.

Senator Fasano has an extensive record of public service accomplishments in Hartford and in the 34th District. He has championed efforts to reform Connecticut's eminent domain laws, protect Long Island Sound from Broadwater's attempt to construct a liquefied natural gas terminal and has helped to protect the neighborhood surrounding Tweed New Haven Airport by helping to broker an agreement between the Town of East Haven, the airport and state officials.

During the unprecedented budget-setting process in 2009, Senator Fasano fought tirelessly to address the multi-billion dollar budget deficit by joining his legislative Republican colleagues in proposing ways to make state government more cost-effective and efficient. He also maintained his commitment to small businesses in Connecticut by being an advocate for business-friendly policies.

As a member of the community, Senator Fasano has served as the fire commissioner of East Haven, helped in establishing the East Haven Land Trust, and has served as an East Haven Representative on the Long Island Sound Study Commission and as a member of the Hamden Hall Board of Trustees.

Also, Senator Fasano remains active pursuing open space acquisitions in East Haven, North Haven and Wallingford. As President and Founder of Fasano, Ippolito, and Lee, Senator Fasano currently represents hundreds of clients in southern Connecticut, focusing primarily on land transactions and zoning matters.

Because of his diligence on behalf of the residents of the 34th District, Senator Fasano is the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades including:

- 2008 Legislator of the Year – Connecticut Police Chiefs Association
- 2009 Roger Sherman Award – Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
- 2009 Children's Champion – Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance
- 2009 Public Policy Award - Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Senator Fasano resides in North Haven with his wife, Jill, and their children, Kristen, Robert and Karla.



State Senator Jonathan A. Harris

Chief Assistant Majority Leader, District 5, Chairman Public Health Committee

Jonathan A. Harris was elected state senator for the 5th District (serving Bloomfield, Burlington, Farmington and West Hartford) in November 2004, and was overwhelmingly re-elected to a second term in November 2006. Senator Harris was originally elected to complete the term of Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin Sullivan, who took over as lieutenant governor, and started serving a full term in January 2005.

Senator Harris is chairman of the Public Health Committee, vice chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, Ranking Member of the Regulations Review Committee and a member of the Appropriations Committee.

Prior to his election, Senator Harris served with distinction as the mayor of West Hartford. He was elected to the West Hartford Town Council in 2001 and was serving his second term as mayor when he was elected to the Senate. During his tenure as mayor, Senator Harris successfully led the effort to reinvent town government, reducing its size while still preserving the quality of education and town services and was a leader in the planning and development of the \$150 million Blue Back Square project.

Senator Harris also served as a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Reform & Smart Growth. He has experienced first hand how the over reliance on the regressive property tax has impacted our communities.

Senator Harris previously served as counsel to the Democratic Caucus of the House of Representatives. In 2000, he ran against a 20-year incumbent for the House of Representatives and lost by only 9 votes.

Senator Harris has a long record of community service in West Hartford, including serving as a board member with the Senior Jobs Bank, the Amercian School for the Deaf, the Noah Webster House, the Bridge and the Jewish Federation.

An attorney, Senator Harris grew up in West Hartford, graduating from Hall High School in 1982. He earned a B.A. from Brandeis University in 1986. After working for former Congresswoman Barbara Kennelly, Senator Harris earned a J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1990.

In their spare time, Senator Harris, his wife Lucy and his stepson Spencer enjoy reading, listening to music and participating in local and school activities.



State Senator Dan Debicella

Deputy Minority Leader, District 21

Dan Debicella is the State Senator from the 21st district, which includes Stratford, Shelton, Monroe, and Seymour. Dan is serving his second term in office.

Dan has been a resident of Shelton for more than twenty years, and continues to lead a successful business career while being deeply involved with civic organizations. As a State Senator, he continues to use his business and community experience to have a positive impact on Connecticut and the communities he represents.

During his first term in office, Dan authored or co-sponsored a number of laws that are improving the quality of life for Connecticut families.

Job Creation Tax Credits. Dan co-authored legislation that encourages job creation by giving tax credits to Connecticut businesses that create 10 or more jobs.

Funding for Education. Working with Governor Rell, Dan supported a budget that brought 10-20% increases in state aid for education to each town in his district—without raising state income or sales taxes.

Anti-Dumping Environmental Legislation. Dan authored a state law to protect families across Connecticut by prohibiting the dumping of large quantities of asbestos-containing materials near residential neighborhoods without permission from local elected officials. He worked to pass this new law in response to the result of the federal Environmental Protection Agency's now defunct plans to consolidate Raymark Industries waste from 20 sites into three near Stratford residential neighborhoods.

In his second term, Dan is working to eliminate the state budget deficit without raising taxes, reform local property taxes, create jobs through economic development, and protect our environment. He believes strongly in a small, efficient government because it is individual people and small businesses—not big government—that creates jobs and improves the quality of life for families in Connecticut.

Dan is Deputy Minority Leader, and serves as Ranking Senator on the legislature's Appropriations Committee, Public Health Committee, and Higher Education Committee. He is also a member of the Regulation Review Committee. Dan has deep roots in the community. His father, Cal, was a policeman in Bridgeport and his Mom, Maggie, is a secretary in the federal judicial system. Dan and his three siblings attended Shelton public schools. He graduated from Shelton High School and was the first person in his family to attend college full time. Dan graduated magna cum laude from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Finance. He earned an MBA from Harvard Business School in Boston, graduating in the top 5% of his class.

Dan has led a successful business career, from management consulting, to running a small business, to working for a Fortune 500 company. He currently is Assistant Vice President of Marketing at The Hartford, where he markets property and casualty insurance to small businesses. Previously, Dan worked as Director of Strategy for Pepsi, where he developed long term plans for marketing, sales, and product innovation. He spent five years as a management consultant for McKinsey & Co., where he advised Fortune 500 companies on sales and marketing issues. He also ran his own small Internet business, Textbooks Online, during the high tech boom of the late 1990's.

Dan is also involved with numerous community organizations. He serves on the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement for Western Connecticut, the Board of Directors of the Kennedy Center in Trumbull, and the Board of Incorporators of both the Shelton/Derby Boys & Girls Club and the Birmingham Group. He is a lifelong member of St. Lawrence Parish in Shelton.

Dan lives in Shelton with his wife Alexandra, who is pursuing a PhD in Strategic Management.



State Representative Betsy Ritter

Co-Chair Public Health Committee, District 38

In November, 2004, Betsy was first elected State Representative for the 38th District. Her particular interests are in the areas of public health and healthcare access, transportation, and energy issues.

Betsy currently serves on the Committee on Appropriations, Committee on Public Health (Vice-Chair), and the Committee on Energy and Technology. She is also vice-chair of the Appropriations Sub-committee on Human Services and is a founding member of the Appropriations Sub-committee on Results Based Accountability. She has been recognized by the CT Association of Dental Hygienists and the CT Community Providers Association for her legislative efforts.

In 2007, Betsy was nominated to the Council of State Governments/Eastern Region healthcare committee. She also achieved recognition as a Thompson Fellow that same year.

Betsy was first elected to public office in Waterford in 1990 as Registrar of Voters and served three and a half years before becoming Town Treasurer for the next five years. In 1998 she became Waterford's Tax Collector, a position to which she was elected twice. During this time she brought new technology and efficient procedures to the office, provided greater services to the public using fewer resources and staff, minimized departmental expense, increased Town tax relief to elderly and disabled homeowners, worked for and implemented a tax benefit for volunteer firefighters and EMT's, and maintained the collection rate at one of the highest in the state. She is a CT Certified Municipal Collector.

Betsy has volunteered for numerous Town and community agencies and organizations including Waterford emergency management, PTA's and school board action planning, school sports, YMCA of Southeastern CT, low-income housing advocacy, and arts in education. She served as president of the New London County Tax Collectors Association and is treasurer of Young Audiences of CT, Inc., a finance committee member for the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, and a member of Waterford Rotary and the Waterford Democratic Town Committee. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, gardening, music and the performing arts, and beekeeping.

Betsy lives in the Quaker Hill section of Waterford with her husband Grant and their daughters, Carrie and Bess. She can be reached at home at (860) 444-1700.



State Representative Jan Giegler

Ranking Member Public Health Committee, District 138

State Representative Janice R. “Jan” Giegler takes great pride in protecting and improving the quality of life for her constituents in Danbury and New Fairfield. Jan was first elected to represent the 138th District in 2002, and was re-elected to her fourth term in 2008.

A former administrator of an outpatient psychiatric clinic, Representative Giegler’s expertise on healthcare policy has been put to good use with her appointment as the Ranking Minority Member of the General Assembly’s Public Health Committee. She also serves as Chairman of the Internship Committee, and is a member of the Executive and Legislative Nominations and Transportation Committees.

During her four terms in the Legislature, Representative Giegler has been a passionate voice for lower taxes, restrained state spending, and a better business climate that will create jobs for Connecticut residents and help revitalize struggling cities. She has sponsored numerous pieces of legislation to reduce the tax burden on Connecticut taxpayers and employers, and joined her caucus in proposing a 5% pay reduction for State Legislators to help mitigate the FY 2008 budget deficit.

From her position on the Public Health Committee, Representative Giegler joined other Danbury area legislators in a successful effort to obtain state approval for a new cardiac care program at Danbury Hospital in 2004. She was a co-sponsor of legislation establishing the Connecticut Homecare Option Program for the Elderly in 2007, and has repeatedly sponsored legislation to establish and support school-based health centers across the State of Connecticut.

The mother of a college aged son, Representative Giegler has been a staunch advocate for the Danbury School System and Western Connecticut State University. She has continually fought for a greater share of state education dollars for towns like Danbury and New Fairfield, and is a champion of state investment in WestConn. In addition, Representative Giegler volunteers as an advisor to Danbury High School Young Republican and WCSU College Republicans in an effort to get more young people involved in the political process.

Outside of her legislative service, Representative Giegler is involved in a variety of community and service organizations including: YMCA Pioneering Healthier Communities Blue Ribbon Task Force Oct 2006-present; State Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJACA) Jan 2007-2008; member of Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) Jan 2007-2008; Danbury City-Wide PTO Council member 1996-2004; President of Danbury City-Wide PTO, 2000-2004; President of King Street School PTO, 1996-1998; Danbury Homelessness Task Force, 2005; State Director for Women in Government, 2005-present; Education Connection New 3R’s Leadership Group, 2008, National Council of State Legislatures Health Committee, 2009.

Representative Giegler is a graduate of Green Mountain College and Ohio State University. She and her husband, Tom, live in Danbury. They have one son, Jeff.



Charles J. Lockwood, M.D.

*The Anita O'Keefe Young Professor and Chair Yale University School of Medicine
Department of Obstetrics Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences*

Dr. Charles J. Lockwood is a leading expert in maternal-fetal medicine, specializing in pregnancy loss, preterm delivery and maternal thrombophilias, a blood-clotting disorder in pregnancy.

Dr. Lockwood's research interests include the pathophysiology of recurrent pregnancy loss, the prediction of preterm delivery, and the mechanisms of abnormal endometrial bleeding. He is the senior editor of the CD-ROM and Internet-based textbook "Obstetrics: UpToDate" (2001) and has authored more than 205 journal articles, 50 book chapters and hundreds of abstracts. His writing and research have earned him awards from the Society of Perinatal Obstetricians, the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Lockwood joined the Yale faculty in 2002 as chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the School of Medicine. He serves as chief of Ob/Gyn at Yale-New Haven Hospital and is the director of the Yale Women's Health Center. From 1998 to 2000, he was also acting director of the Kaplan Comprehensive Cancer Center at the NYU School of Medicine.

Dr. Lockwood received his undergraduate education at Brown University and his M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He also has a Masters in Health Care Management from Harvard School of Public Health. He completed his residency at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and held a postdoctoral fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital in 1987. Before joining the NYU faculty, he was at Tufts University School of Medicine and Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, where he was director of perinatal research. He is the editor-in-chief of Contemporary Ob/Gyn and associate editor of the Journal of Maternal-Fetal & Neonatal Medicine. He has served on numerous national and state committees dealing with perinatal concerns. He completed his term as president of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation in March 2008.



Edward L. Snyder, M.D.

Edward L. Snyder, MD graduated from New York Medical College. He was a Resident in Internal Medicine and a Hematology Fellow at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, New York. He was a fellow in Transfusion Medicine, also at Montefiore Hospital. Dr. Snyder is currently Professor of Laboratory Medicine at Yale University Medical School, Vice-Chair for Clinical Affairs, Director of Blood and Tissue Bank/Apheresis Services at Yale-New Haven Hospital and Director of the Richard Frisbee Hematopoietic Cell Processing Laboratory at Yale Medical Center. Dr. Snyder is ABIM board certified in Internal Medicine and Hematology and ABP board certified in Transfusion Medicine. Dr. Snyder is also Director of Shared Resources at the Yale Comprehensive Cancer Center.

He was President of the American Association of Blood Banks from 1997 - 1998 and a past member the FDA Blood Products Advisory Committee. Dr. Snyder has served on numerous governmental advisory panels and is currently Chairman of the NHLBI Hematology SBIR Study Section and a member of the NHLBI K23/K24/K25 Career Development Award SEP. A member of the FDA CDRH Hematology and Pathology Devices Panel, Dr. Snyder currently is Chairman of the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Board of Directors. Dr. Snyder is an Associate Editor of Transfusion and has been a member of the Editorial Board of Blood. He has over 300 publications in the field of Transfusion Medicine. His current research interests include studies of: leukoreduction filters; the platelet storage lesion; evaluation of new apheresis technologies, isolation of MNCs for manufacture of blood vessels by regenerative medicine technics, and hematopoietic stem cell mobilization, collection and processing.



James F.X. Egan, M.D.

James F. X. Egan, MD graduated from Georgetown Medical School and served as a general medical officer in the US Navy from 1971-73. He completed from his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Yale-New Haven Hospital in 1976.

He practiced general Ob-Gyn for 11 years in Springfield, MA before beginning a Fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at UConn in 1987.

He completed the Fellowship in 1989 and joined the UConn faculty in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine. He worked at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center as Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Fetal Echocardiography from 1989 to 2003. He assumed his present position as Professor and Chair of the Department of Ob-Gyn at UConn in 2004.

Dr. Egan's professional interests include: antenatal diagnosis, obstetrical ultrasound, fetal echocardiography, Down syndrome screening, prematurity, diabetes in pregnancy, multiple gestations, pre-eclampsia and high-risk obstetrics.

He has published numerous articles and has lectured in the U. S., England, Ireland, France, Jamaica and Siberia. He was Chairman of the Conn. State Medical Society's Maternal Mortality Committee for five years and is currently President of the New England Ob-Gyn Society.

He and his wife, Patricia, live in Bloomfield, CT.



Edmund F. Funai, M.D.

Dr. Funai is a cum laude graduate ('88) of the University of Notre Dame, and was awarded an academic scholarship to New York Medical College ('92), where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha. He completed his residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at Lenox Hill Hospital ('96) in Manhattan and Fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at NYU School of Medicine ('98)

Following two years in the NYU Maternal-Fetal Medicine Faculty Practice, he was named Director of Obstetrics at Bellevue Hospital, NYU's major affiliate hospital. There, he was named Chairman of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation's Regional Perinatal Care Task Force.

He has served on or chaired numerous committees such New York State Task Force on Maternal Mortality, ACOG Committees on Underserved Women and Quality Assurance, and assisted with HANYS/ACOG Perinatal Corticosteroids Demonstration Project.

Dr. Funai came to Yale in July of 2002, having authored more than 90 abstracts, 66 articles, and nearly 20 book chapters. His research interests include hypertension in pregnancy and patient safety. He currently serves as the Chief of Obstetrics and Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs at Yale. He has been named to numerous "Best Doctors" lists, including those published by Castle-Connelly. His work on patient safety was most recently recognized by the Society For Maternal-Medicine, who presented him with the "Award For Research Excellence" at the 2008 annual meeting.



David Lima, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

Dr. David Lima is an Obstetrician & Gynecologist in private practice in New Haven County since 1997. He graduated from Boston College in 1984 with a double major in Biology and Economics. After college he worked in a medical research lab at the Yale University School of Medicine investigating treatments for neonatal respiratory distress syndrome, a complication of preterm birth. His interest in medical research led to medical school, where he attended Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons from 1989-1993. After medical school, he pursued his interest in women's and infants' health during residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at Yale-New Haven Hospital (1993-1997). After residency, Dr. Lima entered private practice where he has enjoyed a rewarding and thriving practice since 1997. He has received several teaching awards from the residents at Yale-New Haven Hospital, medical students at the Yale School of Medicine, and midwifery students at the Yale School of Nursing.



Warren Wollschlager

Chief Office of Research and Development, Connecticut Department of Public Health

As Chief of the Office of Research and Development in the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), Warren Wollschlager is the architect of Connecticut's internationally recognized stem cell research grants-in-aid program. Mr. Wollschlager manages the Connecticut Stem Cell Research Advisory and Peer Review Committees, and advises the Commissioner on legislative and policy priorities for the state. In 2006, he was appointed as Chair of StemCONN 07, Connecticut's inaugural international stem cell symposium. In May 2007 he was named the founding Chair of the Interstate Alliance on Stem Cell Research. Mr. Wollschlager manages the research, development and implementation of initiatives involving embryonic and adult stem cell research, umbilical cord blood banking, tissue biobanking, and genomics. He chaired the Connecticut Umbilical Cord Blood Banking and Biobanking Feasibility Committees, and serves as Vice Chair of the Connecticut External Advisory Panel on Genomics.

Mr. Wollschlager has been employed by the State of Connecticut for 30 years. Prior to being named Chief of Research and Development, Mr. Wollschlager served for six years as Chief of Staff of DPH, overseeing an agency with 800 employees and a budget of \$160 million. In this capacity, Mr. Wollschlager managed the agency's public health response to the attacks of September 11, 2001 and to the anthrax-related death of a Connecticut resident. He previously served as Chief of the Bureau of Regulatory Services, responsible for the licensure and regulation of all licensed health care and environmental practitioners and providers in Connecticut.



KACEY ROSE

F O U N D A T I O N



Glen & Kristina Mitchell Krista Harvey

*Our mission is to provide assistance to families affected by childhood cancer
and to spread awareness regarding cord blood donation.*

In 2007, Kacey Rose Mitchell, at just 17 months old, was diagnosed with a rare form of Acute Myeloid Leukemia. She endured multiple rounds of chemotherapy, but the cancer was stubborn, and Kacey did not stay in remission for very long. Her family was told that the only chance of a cure was for Kacey to undergo a stem cell transplant. The Mitchell's were devastated when they learned that Kacey did not have a single eligible match in the entire national bone marrow registry.

Luckily, Kacey was given another option, and received a transplant using umbilical cord blood stem cells. On October 17th, 2007 Kacey received her transplant because a family decided to donate their umbilical cord to a public bank 7 years earlier.

Unfortunately, Kacey was fighting an aggressive type of cancer that is extremely difficult to treat and often returns despite intensive chemotherapy and stem cell transplantation. Kacey Rose was only 2 1/2 years old when her disease relapsed; she lost her battle with leukemia on May 5th, 2008.

Glen and Kristina are passionate about honoring the memory of their daughter. Kacey's bravery has motivated them to create a foundation that allows them to continue the fight against cancer. They have established the Kacey Rose Foundation, a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization, to honor Kacey and to assist families affected by pediatric cancer.

The Kacey Rose Foundation also promotes and educates our communities about the benefits of umbilical cord blood donations to public banks. Many families are unaware that they have the option to donate the cord blood free of charge rather than allow it to be discarded.

Glen and Kristina hope that the efforts of this Foundation will lead to an increased awareness that donations to public cord blood banks can be used to treat and cure many diseases worldwide.



Natasha's Place



The National Mixed Heritage
and Minority Cord Blood Bank



Ted Collins, Ph.D, M.S., M.A.

Natasha's Place

Natasha's Place, the National Mixed Heritage and Minority Cord Blood Bank, is operated in partnership with Cryobanks International — the most trusted name in private and public storage for over 10 years.

We were created to honor my mixed heritage daughter who died from the complications of a bone marrow transplant while attending medical school at Yale. Natasha would be alive today had my wife and I had an opportunity to bank her cord blood when she was born. However, as is often the case, minorities are frequently the last group to receive equal access to many things that others take for granted.

Our mission is very simple — we are here to insure that all families and individuals receive equal access to the life saving potential of effectively safe stem cell transplants, not because it's good business but because it's our moral imperative.

Natasha's Place offers our community "Hope for Today" if someone already has a medical condition that requires a stem cell transplant and "Hope for Tomorrow" if it ever happens to your children, your spouse or you.

We've also made Natasha's Place the leading advocate and research group when it comes to the underrepresented stem cell transplant needs of our community.

So while others can store your cord blood, Natasha's Place is the only company that you can be assured is putting your needs first and fighting to get you the rights that we pray you will never have to use.



Michael Boo, J.D.

Michael Boo has served as Chief Strategy Officer of National Marrow Donor Program since October, 2001. He is responsible for strategic planning at the NMDP and for identifying and pursuing cellular transplant therapies business activities and developing new relationships within the extensive NMDP Network of national and international partners.

In the area of public cord blood banking, he oversees the development and operations of the NMDP Center for Cord Blood created in 2003. The Center for Cord Blood manages the NMDP network of member cord blood banks and pursues initiatives to support the expansion of an inventory of high quality publicly available cord blood banks in the United States. It also promotes awareness of cord blood transplantation.

Boo earned a Juris Doctor at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn., and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. He is the former vice president of strategic and corporate development for Allina Health System, an integrated healthcare system based in Minneapolis. Prior to a 17-year career at Allina, he worked as general counsel for a real estate development company and as an attorney for a specialty law firm in Minneapolis.



State Representative Eileen S. Naughton

Warwick, Rhode Island

Chairperson, House Committee on Rules

House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

House Committee on Finance

Eileen S. Naughton (D- District 21, Warwick) was born on December 29, 1945. She is married Dr. William C. Naughton and they have two children, Christine and William.

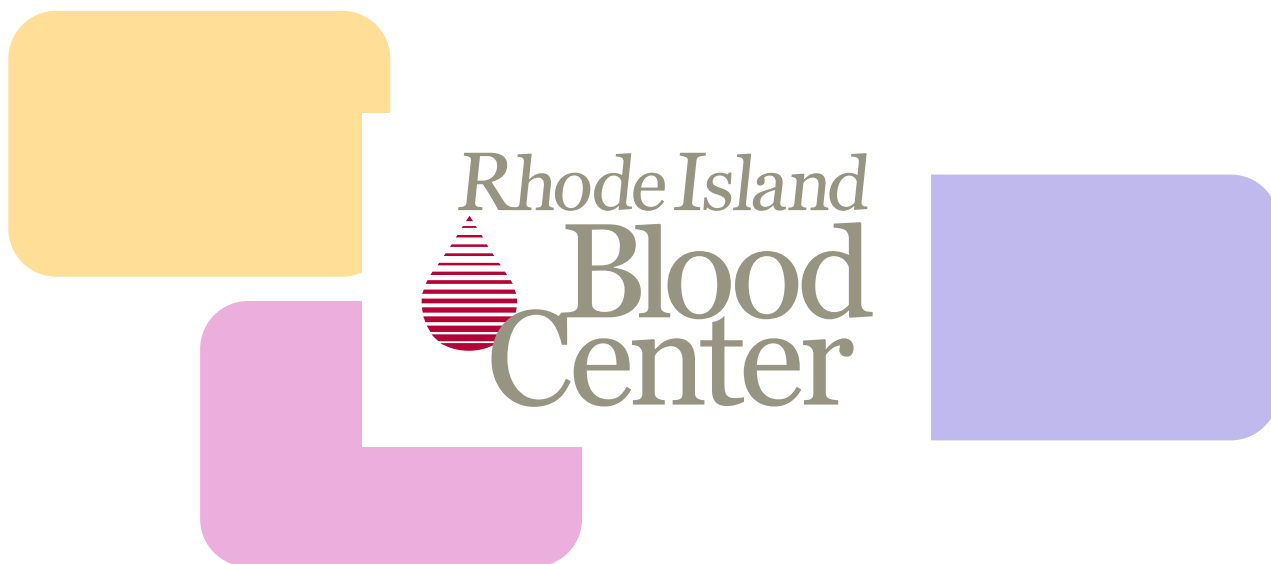
- **EDUCATION:** St. Mary's Academy-Bay View; Amherst College, B.A.; Southern New England School of Law, J.D.
- **EMPLOYMENT:** Attorney
- **GENERAL BACKGROUND:** Special Legislative Commission on Equal Pay in Employment; Legislative Commission on Women's Health; Warwick Historical Society; National Council on Agriculture, Research, Education and Teaching; Agriculture and Land Preservation Commission; RI Coastal Resource Management Council; Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission; Chair, RI Agriculture Commission; Aquaculture; RI Economic Policy Council.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE INFORMATION:** Elected Representative November 3, 1992



Dr. John R. Edwards

Cryobanks International, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. John R. Edwards as President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Edwards brings over 20 years of experience in the stem cell transplant field to our company. He has served on our Scientific and Medical Board of Advisors (SAMBA) since 2002 and has previously served as Medical Director of Cryobanks. His broad experience and expertise in clinical medicine, laboratory research and the biotechnology industry will bring great value to our organization and international partners. He will be working closely with our current team to expand business operations and to increase our technical capabilities and efficiency.

Dr. Edwards earned his medical degree from the University of Florida. He trained in pediatrics at the University of California, San Francisco where he did fellowships in pediatric hematology/oncology and immunology/rheumatology. He completed additional fellowship training in pediatric hematology/oncology and bone marrow transplantation (BMT) at the University of Florida. He then joined the faculty at Vanderbilt University, where he served as Assistant Professor in Pediatrics and was Director of the Pediatric BMT Program. In 1996, he became the founding Medical Director of the Adult and Pediatric BMT Program at the Florida Hospital Cancer Institute. He is board-certified in pediatrics and pediatric hematology/oncology and has recently held adjunct faculty appointments at the University of Central Florida and Duke University. He has consulted extensively in the biotechnology and medical arena.



Carolyn T. Young, M.D.

Carolyn T. Young, M.D. is the Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at the Rhode Island Blood Center (RIBC) in Providence, Rhode Island. She is the Medical Director for the RIBC Umbilical Cord Blood Bank, the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Apheresis Center, NMDP Donor Center and NMDP Recruitment Group.

Scott Asadorian

Scott Asadorian is the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the Rhode Island Blood Center (RIBC) in Providence, Rhode Island. Among other responsibilities, he has operational oversight of the RIBC Umbilical Cord Blood Bank.

Patricia Lang, MS, MT(ASCP)

Patricia Lang, MS, MT(ASCP) is the Director of the Marrow Donor Program at the Rhode Island Blood Center (RIBC) in Providence, Rhode Island. She has been involved with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) since 1991 with oversight of the NMDP Donor Center, NMDP Recruitment Group and public inquiries for the RIBC Umbilical Cord Blood Bank.